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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 805

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Mrs. Connie Barker for her outstanding accomplishments as a businesswoman and her diligent service to Gallatin and Sumner County community.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Connie Barker is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Sumner County, Mrs. Barker has worked in the insurance industry for eighteen years as a licensed agent; and

WHEREAS, she has also diligently served as the Customer Account Manager for Acordia Insurance since 1986; and

WHEREAS, throughout her career in the insurance industry, Mrs. Barker has served her clients with acumen and alacrity, earning the unbridled respect of her peers, supervisors, and clients alike for the exemplary quality of her work and her stalwart dedication to duty; and

WHEREAS, Connie Barker has distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and is an exceptional asset to her community; and

WHEREAS, an active member of the Gallatin and Sumner County communities, Mrs. Barker serves in various positions with numerous civic organizations, including meritorious service as Chairperson of the Gallatin Chamber of Commerce's F. O. C. U. S. Membership Committee and Chamber Operation Preferred 2001; she is also a member of the Chamber of Commerce's Golf Tournament Committee, a Twitty-Worth Classic volunteer for the Hendersonville Chamber Foundation, a Board Member for T. R. A. C. Inc., and Board Member of the Gallatin Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Barker has also been recently selected as the Gallatin Chamber of Commerce's Vice President of Community Events; and

WHEREAS, her professional and civic accomplishments aside, Connie Barker is fortunate to share both love and companionship with her devoted husband, Bob Barker who serves as Chief Deputy of the Sumner County Sheriff's Department; and

WHEREAS, she is the proud mother of five daughters and one son and the loving grandmother of seven; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Barker's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to her unwavering reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and her uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Connie Barker evinces the sterling character and stalwart determination that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, an extremely giving person, she epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, Connie Barker is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor and commend Mrs. Connie Barker for her outstanding accomplishments as a businesswoman and her exemplary service to Gallatin and Sumner County and the people of the State of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.